

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest.

When large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the company  
bottom line and less  
of what we need for  
our democracy.  
Instead of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard.

You at the FCC are a  
public agency. As a  
member of the public  
that you serve, I  
must say I am much  
less concerned with  
the brief showing of  
a pop-star's breast  
than I am with  
blatant manipulation  
of our airwaves for  
political purposes.

Thank you.